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INCREASED TRAFFIC IN RIJEKA HARBOR

Traffic in Rijeka Harbor is increasing every day. Ships of almost all flags have entered it during the 3 years since the liberation. The first foreign ship to enter it on commercial business arrived about mid-1946. Since then Soviet, American, British, Swedish, Norwegian, Italian, and other ships have visited it, and in 1948 Polish, Rumanian, and Turkish ships used it for the first time.

In January 1946, 150 ships, with a capacity of about 100,000 tons, entered the harbor, while in December 1948 there were 940 ships with a capacity of over 450,000 tons. On 3 January 1949, there were 31 ocean-going ships of Yugoslav and foreign registry in Rijeka Harbor, with a total capacity of 189,151 tons. (Unlike the first two, the last set of figures does not include the tonnage of ships of the Yugoslav Adriatic Navigation Line.) The tonnage in the harbor on this one day was about 50 percent of that for the entire month of January 1948.

The Adriatic Navigation Agency has nine subsidiaries and two agencies in principal Adriatic harbors. It is responsible for setting up an organization that will fill the needs of all ships using harbors for commercial purposes.

During the first 10 months of 1948, the Adriatic Navigation Agency carried out over 23,000 operations with state and privately owned motor sailboats, 2,738 operations with foreign sailing vessels in 11 months, and about 1,600 operations with foreign and Yugoslav steamers during the same period.

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